HOUSE JOINT RESOLUTION 361 By DuBois

A RESOLUTION to honor and congratulate Armecia A. Cornelius, on her selection as Building Level Teacher of the Year at Highland Park Elementary School.

WHEREAS, it is fitting that the members of this General Assembly should pause to specially recognize those outstanding teachers who have devoted their careers to providing the highest quality education for Tennessee's students; and

WHEREAS, Armecia A. Cornelius is one such estimable educator, who has distinguished herself as a professional of the greatest dedication, ability, and integrity; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cornelius has recently been selected Building Level Teacher of the Year by Highland Park Elementary School, an honor most befitting her outstanding tenure as a teacher as it recognizes the positive influence she has had on so many young lives; and

WHEREAS, she received her Bachelor's, Master's, and doctoral degrees from Tennessee State University; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cornelius has taught all grades at Highland Park Elementary School with acumen and alacrity for seven exemplary years; she has been a teacher for eight years; and

WHEREAS, she is an extremely talented and compassionate educator who works assiduously to motivate her students to reach their full potential, both as scholars and as citizens; and

WHEREAS, not content merely to leave her most important work in the classroom, Ms.

Cornelius is an active member of several professional organizations, including the Maury

County Education Association, which she served as a Representative for 2000-2001; and

WHEREAS, she sets an excellent example for her students, as she is involved in a number of community activities, including the Maury County Arts Guild, the Maury County Girl Scout Troop #91, the Maury County Branch of the NAACP, and a number of Voter Membership Drives; she evinces her great faith as a member of the Mt. Calvary Missionary Baptist Church; and

WHEREAS, Ms. Cornelius truly serves as an inspiration to her colleagues and students alike, and her friendship and counsel are highly valued by those who are fortunate to know her; and

WHEREAS, Armecia A. Cornelius truly epitomizes the ideal of the dedicated teacher who is wholly committed to the highest ideals of public service and quality education for all, and she should be specially recognized; now, therefore,

BE IT RESOLVED BY THE HOUSE OF REPRESENTATIVES OF THE ONE HUNDRED THIRD GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE STATE OF TENNESSEE, THE SENATE CONCURRING, that we hereby honor and congratulate Armecia A. Cornelius on being chosen as Building Level Teacher of the Year at Highland Park Elementary School, commend her exceptional service to the children of Tennessee, salute her professional expertise and personal excellence, and wish her all the best in her future endeavors.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that an appropriate copy of this resolution be prepared for presentation with this final clause omitted from such copy.